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¶1. Pol-Econ Chief delivered ref B demarche April 4 to Mohammed al-Hassan, Political Affairs Director for Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi. [Note: Post also submitted a formal diplomatic note regarding the U.S. candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council. End Note.] Al-Hassan had no substantive response, but promised to forward the information to relevant officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). On April 8, post received a diplomatic note from the MFA stating that the Sultanate would "attach the utmost consideration and interest" to our request for support for a seat on the Human Rights Council.

¶2. Post delivered ref A information April 19 on the Human Rights Council election, including a copy of the "Human Rights Commitments and Pledges of the United States of America," via diplomatic note to the MFA. Post will report any response or related information as warranted via septel. .  
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